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To Melanie and Rhoads Posehn, my dream family.

And to my mom, thanks and sorry.

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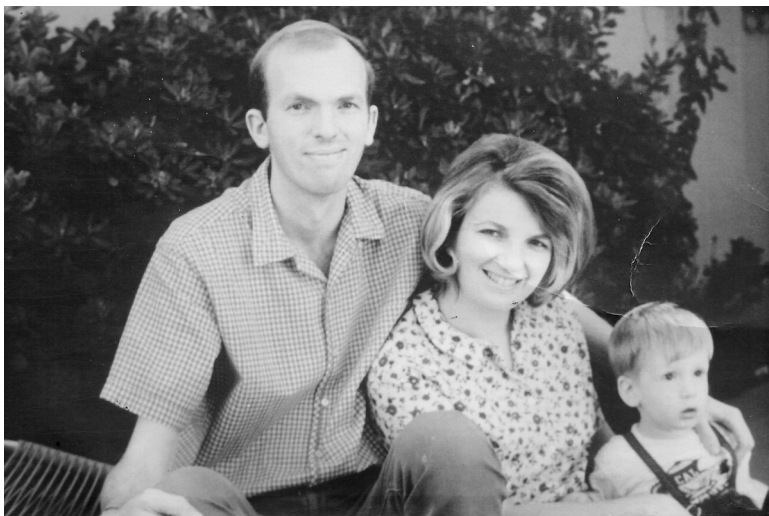
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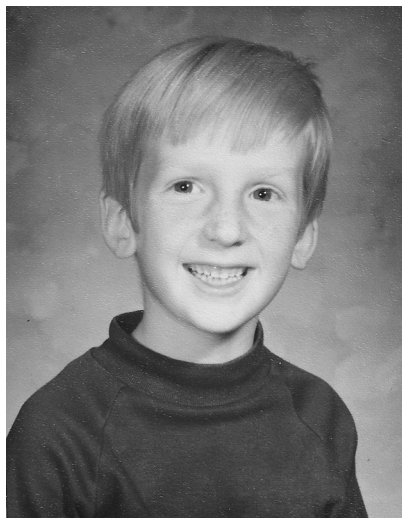
Grandma Clara and the longest baby ever. The grandma/long baby bond is strong. 1966-ish.



The Posehns: Dad, Mom, and tiny me. I was two. This was right before my dad died. Sorry to be a bumner, but it's true. July 1968.



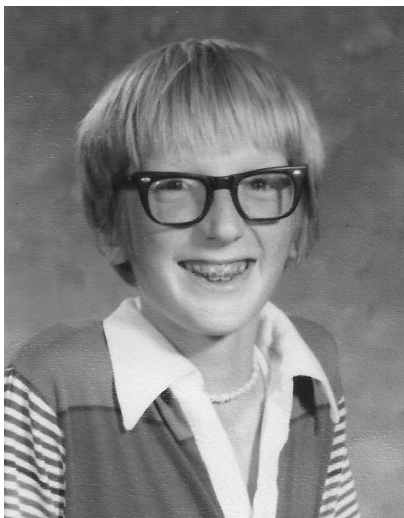
My two grandpas. Grandpa Ed, me, Grandpa George. This is after my dad died, but probably before my grandpas died. 1968.



First grade, San Jose, CA.
Cute kid, pretty happy.
He has no fucking idea.



Seventh grade, Russ and I on my tiny bed. I quickly grew out of it. Wish I never grew out of that sweet Steve Martin shirt, “Best Fishes” indeed.



Seventh grade school picture. Holy shit, that’s a lot of nerd. Why do I look so damn happy? Could I see me?



Eighth grade graduation, Altamira Junior High.
Man, I want to punch myself. I totally get it.



Rush nerd. I think I'm informing the viewer that Rush is number one. Still true. Summer 1984.



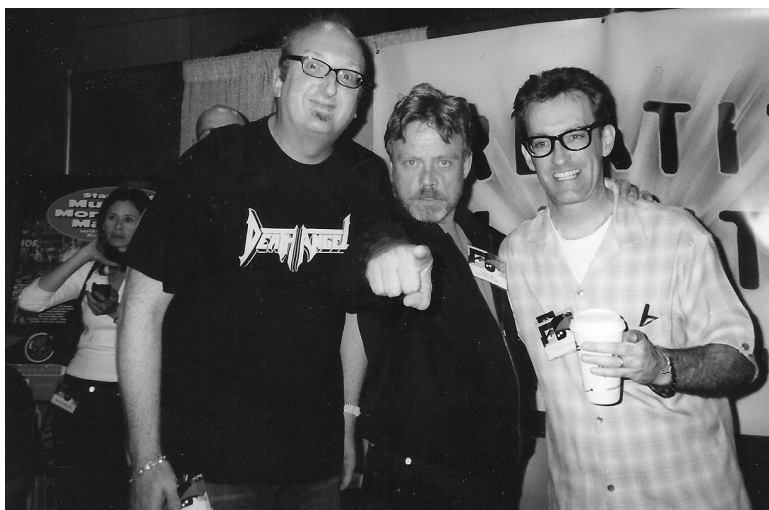
River's Edge. Me down at the American River with my new leather jacket and my pretty, pretty hair. So Metal! By the way, that's the river where they found my grandpa. 1988.



Straight from a surf shop to the stage. Metro Comedy, Sacramento, CA, 1988.



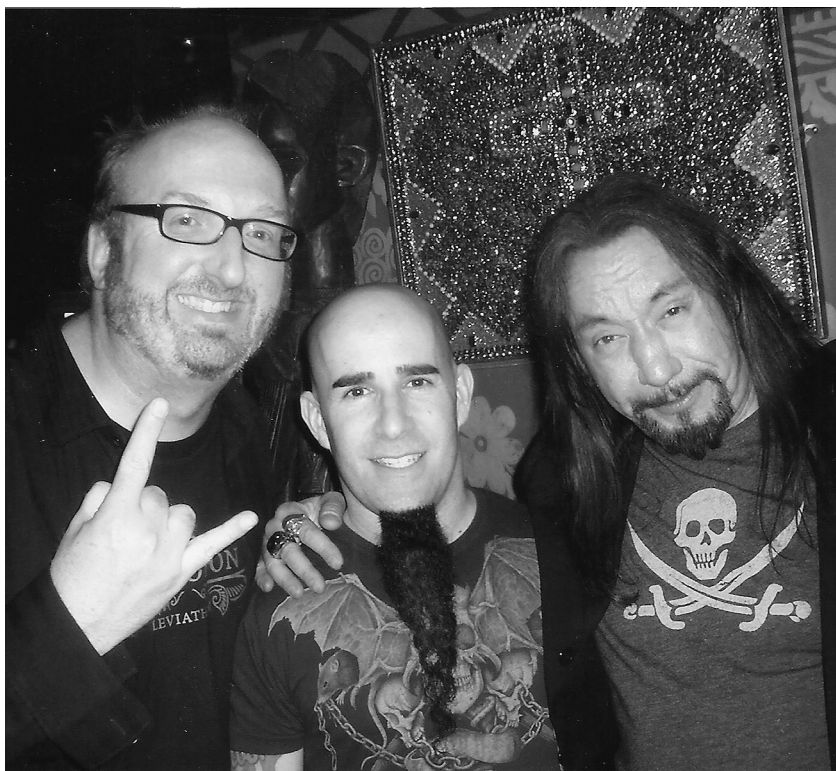
My mom and I, enjoying a beer and a laugh after a *Mr. Show* taping. 1997-ish.



Meeting heroes, with Mark Hamill and my old pal, Tom Kenny. San Diego Comic-Con, 2004.



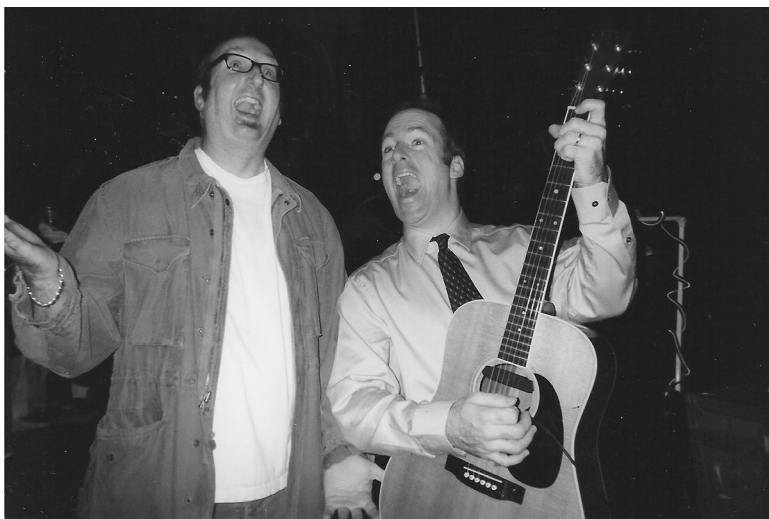
Just three old pals palling around on the set of our Comedy Central pilot, *Super Nerds*, with Patton Oswalt and Sarah Silverman. 2000.



Meeting heroes. Wasted and nerdy in Vegas with my buddy Scott Ian, and my favorite member of KISS, Ace Frehley. 2004-ish.



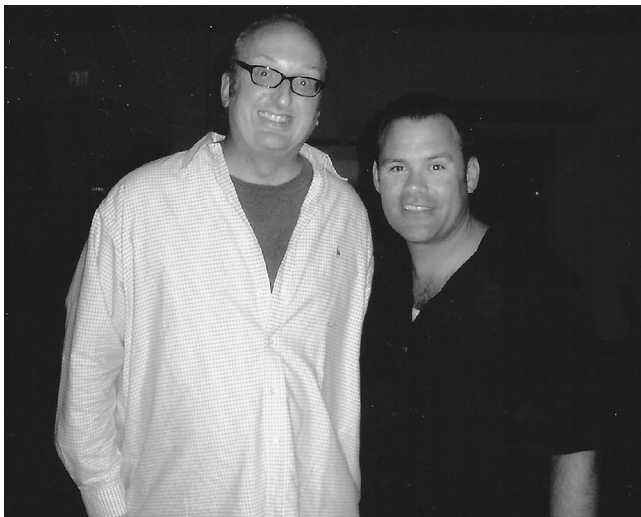
Makeup maestro Wayne Toth, a happy nerd with a bullet wound, and Rob Zombie. *Devil's Rejects* makeup trailer somewhere in the California desert. 2004.



Mr. Show Live, "Hooray for America." With Bob Odenkirk. 2002.



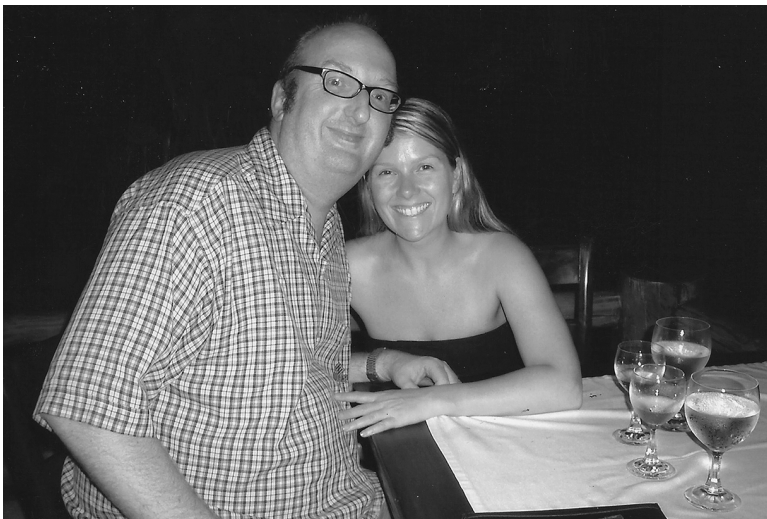
Meeting heroes. Ronnie James Dio in my kitchen. One of the best days ever. 2009.



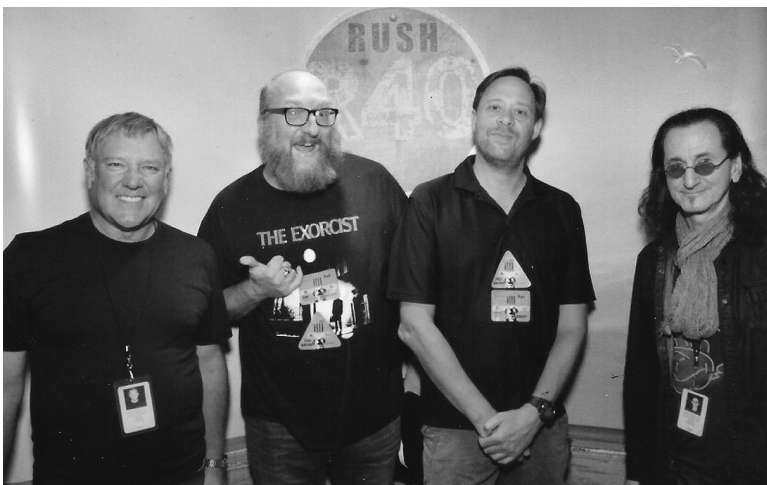
The dude who got me through high school, my buddy Joel and I at our 20th reunion. 2004.



My future wife, Melanie, and I at the Emmys, 1998.
Mr. Show didn't win, but I'm pretty sure we did stuff in a limo that night.



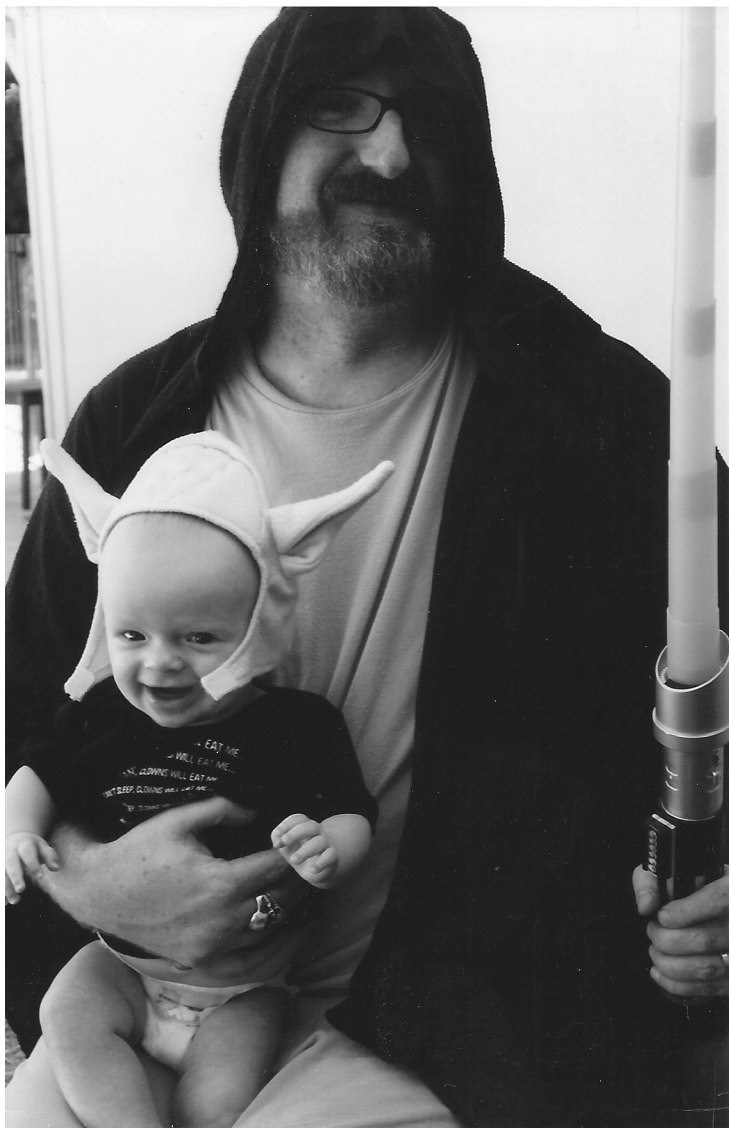
Happy honeymooners in Ixtapa, Mexico, 2004. I'm pretty sure we did stuff in Mexico too.



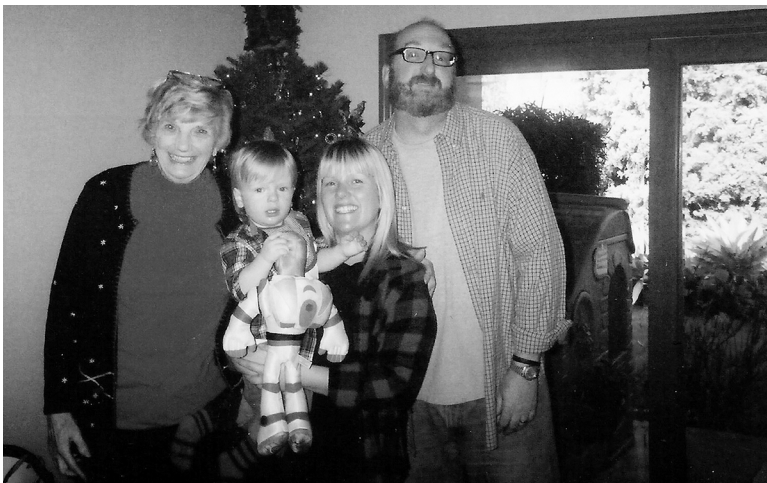
Meeting heroes, with Rush. (*From left to right*) Alex Lifeson, giant Rush nerd, my pal Dave Rath, and Geddy Fucking Lee. LA Forum, 2016.



Meeting heroes, with Carrie Fisher. She will always be my Princess. Montreal, JFL, 2016.



My tiny Jedi, Rhoads Posehn, joined our family in 2009. Halloween has never been the same. He never had a chance to not be a nerd.



My mom (Nana Carole), Rhoads(1½), Melanie, and a happy dad. Christmas, 2010.



Happy family. With Melanie and Rhoads (7). Tahoe, 2016.